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Via ECF

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: *United States v. Person, et al.*, 17 Crim. 683 (LAP)

Dear Judge Preska:

We write respectfully on behalf of all defense counsel, and with the consent of the government, to request that the Court waive the appearance of both defendants at the pre-trial conference currently set for January 23, 2019 in the above-referenced matter.

We anticipate that the conference will primarily concern scheduling and related procedural matters, which the attorneys can address with the Court. Both defendants reside out of state and a waiver would spare them the burden and expense of air travel. Mr. Michel also has a business conflict with respect to the current conference date.

Assistant United States Attorney Robert Boone has authorized me to represent to the Court that the government has no objection to this request. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

/s/Jonathan Bach
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cc: All counsel of record (by ECF)